

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 4, 7, and 8 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A paper guide of an ink-jet printer, comprising:
a plurality of first guide ribs positioned to protrude from the paper guide to face a front-half swath of a printhead with ~~a predetermined~~ an equal, first interval therebetween; and
a plurality of second guide ribs positioned to protrude from the paper guide to face a rear-half swath of the printhead with an equal, second interval therebetween wider than the first interval between the first guide ribs,
wherein each of the second guide ribs is connected to a corresponding first guide rib.
2. (ORIGINAL) The paper guide of claim 1, wherein each of the second guide ribs is linearly connected to a corresponding first guide rib.
3. (ORIGINAL) The paper guide of claim 2, wherein at least one first guide rib is positioned between the first guide ribs connected to a corresponding second guide rib.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ink-jet printer, comprising:
an ink-jet cartridge with a printhead; and
a paper guide, wherein the paper guide comprises:
a feed roller, and
a plurality of first guide ribs and a plurality of second guide ribs,
wherein the plurality of first guide ribs are positioned to protrude from the paper guide to face a front-half swath of the printhead with ~~a predetermined~~ an equal, first interval therebetween, and the plurality of second guide ribs protrude on the paper guide to face a rear-half swath of the printhead with an equal, second interval therebetween to be wider than the interval between the first guide ribs.
5. (ORIGINAL) The printer of claim 4, wherein each of the second guide ribs is linearly connected to a corresponding first guide rib.

6. (ORIGINAL) The printer of claim 5, wherein at least one first guide rib is positioned between the first guide ribs connected to a corresponding second guide rib.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A paper guide of an ink-jet printer, comprising:
a first region comprising a plurality of equally-spaced first guide ribs and having a first flattening ability; and
a second region comprising a plurality of equally-spaced second guide ribs and having a second flattening ability,
wherein the second flattening ability is greater than the first flattening ability.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The paper guide of claim 7, wherein the plurality of first guide ribs ~~with~~ have a first interval therebetween, and the plurality of second guide ribs ~~with~~ have a second interval therebetween, the second interval wider than the first interval.

9. (ORIGINAL) The paper guide of claim 7, wherein the first region corresponds to a first-half swath of a printhead, and the second region corresponds to a second-half swath of the printhead.